

Response to Spotlight Review - County Lines Issues

Rec No	Recommendation	Responsible Officer	Agreed Action and Date of Implementation
1	That all Councillors receive training on Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) to enable them to share messages with residents and recognise potential issues in their wards.	Linda Evans (Assistant Director – Children’s Social Care)	<p>The Head of Service responsible for the Complex Safeguarding Hub along with the new Service Lead will deliver Child Criminal Exploitation training to members. This training will be added to the annual training plan for the Complex Safeguarding Hub to ensure any new members are offered these training and existing members are update.</p> <p>Plan to be in place by 15 November 2020</p>
2	That all schools be encouraged to ensure their staff and governors receive Child Criminal Exploitation training.	Joanne Davies (Assistant Director - Education and Learning)	<p>CCE has been a priority for discussion with Head teachers through the Learning Partnership Board and Governors through Governor Forum. This has included advising chairs and Heads/senior leaders on the need to ensure all staff are trained on CCE. Training is also available through general governor training. Safeguarding leads were trained in CCE Autumn 2019. This was delivered by the safeguarding children in education officer. Refresher training will be offered as a follow up to this training. All Alt Education staff received training due to the nature of their provision. CCE is considered as part of Local Authority school reviews and as part of the assessment and implementation of safeguarding policies.</p>
3	Regular updates on progress by services be reported to the Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel to ensure continued improvements in tackling Child Criminal Exploitation. Updates to the Panel should include data regarding the number of young people at risk to enable the Panel to assess the effectiveness of efforts to reduce CCE.	Linda Evans (Assistant Director -Children’s Social Care)	<p>A quarterly report is currently written for St. Helens Safeguarding Children Partnership. This report is written by the Head of Service for Complex Safeguarding and the Service Lead. This report can be easily updated and adapted to meet the expectations of the Scrutiny Panel.</p>

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			Future updates will be presented to the Children & Young People Services Scrutiny Committee from January 2021.
4	That the Chair of the Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel write to all Councillors who are school governors to ask them to raise the issue of County Lines and CCE with their Governing Bodies to ask them what they're doing support pupils who may be vulnerable to exploitation.	James Morley Scrutiny Manager	Scrutiny Manager is working with the Chair of the Children & Young People Services Scrutiny Committee to draft a letter to be sent to all Councillors who are School Governors. To be completed by 6 November 2020.
5	That members of the Task Group conduct a site visit to the Violence Reduction Partnership to see the work being done there.	Sam Murray Assistant Director – Community Safety	Due to the current restrictions, the Violence Reduction Partnership are working remotely. Once restrictions are lifted, a visit will be requested to the Superintendent leading the Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership. To be scheduled following revisions to existing restrictions.
6	That the Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel contact the St Giles Trust to invite Junior Smart to a future Panel meeting to discuss his work with community groups to steer vulnerable young people away from crime.	James Morley Scrutiny Manager	The Children & Young People Services Scrutiny Committee will consider this as part of the Committee's work programme – this will include confirmation of the invitation to St Giles Trust to attend a future meeting.
7	That the Council's Communications Team engage with Children's Services about promoting the NCA guidance about spotting potential CCE and how to report it.	Linda Evans (Assistant Director -Children's Social Care) and Jayne Taylor (Head of Communications)	Head of Service for Complex Safeguarding and the Service Lead will meet with the Council Communications team and agree a communications plan before 15 November 2020.
8	That this report be circulated to all members of the St Helens Council Children's Improvement Board for information.	Linda Evans (Assistant Director -Children's Social Care)	The report was presented to the Children's Improvement Board on 22 October 2020. Action Completed

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